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SUBJ: TEXTILES AND MICA

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1. DEPUTY COMMERCE MINISTER V P SINGH CONFIRMED THAT THE GOI WILL SEND A TECHNICAL DELEGATION TO WASHINGTON FOR TEXTILE CONSULTATIONS. THE DELEGATION WILL INCLUDE:

MANI NARAYANSWAMI, JOINT SECRETARY, MINISTRY OF COMMERCE

R.P. KAPOOR, TEXTILE COMMISSIONER

S. VISWANATH, DIRECTOR-GENERAL, COTTON TEXTILES EXPORT

PROMOTION COUNCIL

THERE MAY BE ADDITIONAL MEMBERS. IT IS SCHEDULED TO ARRIVE IN NEW YORK ON SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 16.

2. SINGH MADE A PITCH FOR THE GOI POSITION AND URGED THAT WE NOT MAKE TOO TECHNICAL AN INTERPRETATION OF THE AGREEMENT. FOR INSTANCE, HE STATED, A MACHINE STITCHED BUTTON HOLE SHOULD NOT DISQUALIFY A GARMENT AS A HANDLOOM. IT IS IMPORTANT THAT SUCH

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GARMENTS HAVE MACHINE STITCHED BUTTON HOLES IN ORDER TO HAVE

CONSUMER ACCEPTANCE IN THE US AND THE INDIAN INDUSTRY IS GEARED TO THIS END. HE POINTED OUT THAT THE HANDLOOM INDUSTRY EMPLOYS TEN MILLION IN INDIA AND IS A MAJOR INDUSTRY SLATED FOR EXPANSION UNDER THE PRIME MINISTER'S TWENTY POINT PROGRAM. HANDLOOM TEXTILE PRODUCTION IS SCHEDULED TO REACH US\$60 MILLION IN FIVE YEARS, MOST OF WHICH WILL BE EXPORTED.

3. HE WENT ON TO SAY THAT HE FEARED THAT A TOUGH ATTITUDE ON THE PART OF THE US WOULD DAMAGE THE GOODWILL GENERATED BY THE JOINT COMMISSION MEETING AND UPCOMING BUSINESS COUNCIL MEETING. HE SAID THAT IT WAS IRONIC THAT IN 1973 DURING THE NEGOTIATIONS IN GENEVA THE US TOOK THE LEAD AMONG IMPORTING COUNTRIES IN RECOMMENDING THE LHXION#OF HANDLOOMS FROM THE QUOTA. NOW IT APPEARED OUR POSITION WAS REVERSED.

4. ON MICA, SINGH CONFIRMED THAT AN AGREEMENT HAD BEEN REACHED ALONG THE LINES OUTLINED IN PARA 2, REF C. THE SPLIT BETWEEN MITCO AND PRIVATE SECTOR SHIPMENTS WILL BE ON AN ANNUAL BASIS. NEW PRICES WILL NOT APPLY TO OLD CONTRACTS ON WHICH LETTERS OF CREDIT HAVE BEEN OPEN. HE CLARIFIED LOCAL PRESS REPORTS WHICH INDICATED A FURTHER MEETING WOULD TAKE PLACE BY SAYING THAT THIS REFERRED TO A MEETING OF THE US MICA IMPORTERS ASSOCIATION IN NEW YORK TO OFFICIALLY ACCEPT THE AGREEMENT. THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF THE AGREEMENT ARE TO BE OUTLINED IN A LETTER WHICH WILL BE SENT FROM MITCO TO THE MIA. SAXBE

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